

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A power output apparatus capable of generating power from at least an electric motor to a drive shaft includes a pattern storing unit that stores a plurality of output characteristic patterns in which power is generated to the drive shaft, a pattern selecting unit that selects one of the output characteristic patterns stored, and a drive controller that controls driving of the electric motor so that power that is within a range of the selected output characteristic pattern is generated to the drive shaft. The power output apparatus may also be controlled to operate the motor in a dash mode that allow motor output to exceed rated values for short periods of time to increase drivability.